Gerard Slye ag. William Swyther

Maryland

Be it remembred that William Swyther late of St. Maries County planter was summoned to answer unto Gerard Slye of a plea that he render unto him the full sume of three hundred twenty foure pounds of Tobacco in caske which to him is owed and by iustice ought to pay —

And whereupon the said Gerard by Nehemiah Blakiston his Attorney saith that whereas the said William Swyther the fifteenth day of July Anno Dni 1683 by his certaine bill or writing obligatory sealed with the seale of him the said William and here in Court produced whose date is the same day and yeare aforesaid did vnto him the said Gerard Slye bind himself to pay or cause to be paid vnto the said Gerard Slye his heires or assigns the full sume of two thousand three hundred twenty foure pounds of good sound merchantable in caske convenient for shipping in St. Maries County aforesaid the tenth day of October next ensuing the date thereof (the date aforesaid) standing in force the said William Swyther the said 2324 lb. of Tobacco to him the said Gerard Slye according to the tenour of the said bill or writing obligatory though often times vnto required hath not payd but the same to pay hath refused and denyed and to pay the said debt doth refuse and deny whereupon the said Gerard saith he is damnified and hath loss to the value of 4000 lb. of Tobacco and thereupon he brings his suit &c.

And the said William Swyther by George Thompton his Attorney comes & defends the force and injury when &c. and prayes that he may not be put to answer vnto the said plaint without the bounds of this Provinciall Court and it is granted vnto him and the same day is given to the plt. likewise —

Now here at this day to wit the twentieth day of March in the Ninth yeare of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltemore &c. Annoq Dni 1683 came the said Gerard Slye by his Attorney aforesaid and offered himself against the said William Swyther who came not but made default Whereupon the said third considered by the Court here that the said Gerard Slye & October against the said William Swyther should recover the summe of two thousand three hundred twenty foure pounds of Tobacco in the bill aforesaid and also the summe of five hundred sixty seaven pounds of Tobacco for his costs & damages by him about his suit in this behalfe expended & the said Swyther in mercy &c.

Thomas Cooke ag. Griffith Jones

Sti: fa:

Command was given to the Sheriffe of Dorchester County that he make known vnto Griffith Jones that he be and appeare before the Justices of this Provinciall Court to be held at the house of John Martin at Wiccomico in Dorchester County the fifteenth day of November 1683 to shew cause if any he could why Judgment should not issue against him for his being security for costs for Daniell Cooke in a plt against Thomas Cooke dept which in a plea of trespass vpon the case was obtained against the said Daniell at which said time and place the said Sheriffe made return of the said writt that he had made known vnto the said Griffith and required him the said writt — And at the aforesaid day came the said Griffith Jones in his owne proper person and defendeth the force and injury when &c. and prayes that he may not be put to answer thereto but without the bounds of this Provinciall Court and it is granted vnto him the same day is granted to the plt likewise —

Now here at this day to wit the twentieth day of March in the Ninth yeare of the Dominion of Charles &c. came the said Thomas Cooke by Nicholas Chesseldyne his Attorney and the said Griffith Jones in his proper person likewise and the said Griffith Jones in his proper person likewise and the said Griffith saith that he the said Thomas ought not to have his action against him because he saith that the said Thomas did not sue forth out of this Court from whence the said Sti: fa: did issue a Ca: sa: against the said Daniell in the Sti: fa: mentioned as by the law in such case is provided which he the said Griffith prayed Judgment if &c.

And the premisses being by the Court here fully heard and understood It is considered by the Court here that not Sp. a Jan. sed nunc stating yt the said plea is allowed & Judgment ought not to be issued against the said Griffith Jones vpon the Sti: fa: taken as aforesaid And therefore it is further considered by the Court here that the said plt take nothing by his said writt but &c. And that the said Griffith Jones & his Surety &c. be thereof quit &c. And that the said Thomas Cooke for his false clayme be in mercy &c. and pay vnto the said Griffith Jones his costs & charges in this behalfe expended & the same

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William Taylard ag. Griffith Jones

Maryland

Be it remembred that this present day to wit the twentieth day of October in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and three came William Taylard of the City of St. Maries Gent by Robert Carvile his Attorney & exhibited to the Justices here his certaine bill against Griffith Jones Gent one of the Attorneys of this Court present here in Court in his proper person of a plea of trespass and assault with said bill filed in these words viz: —

(to the Justices of this Provinciall Court

William Taylard of St. Maries City Gent by Robert Carvile his Attorney complaines of Griffith Jones Gent one of the Attorneys of this Court present here in Court in his proper person for that the said Griffith the fifteenth day of October in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty and three with force and armes &c. in and vpon the said William at the City of St. Maries an assault did make & him the said William did beate wound & ill treate so that of his life it was despaired and other wrongs to him the said William did to the great damage of him the said William against the peace of the Lord Proprietary & his Lawes and to the damage of the said William of Thirty thousand pounds of Tobacco & therefore he brings his suite —

And the said Griffith Jones in his owne proper person comes & defends the force & injury when &c. and prayes that he may not be put to answer without the bounds of this Provinciall Court and it is granted vnto him the same day is given to the plt likewise —

At which said Provinciall Court to wit the fifteenth day of March in the Ninth yeare of the Dominion of Charles &c. Annoq Dni 1684 came the said William Taylard by his Attorney aforesaid and the said Griffith Jones in his proper person likewise and for plea saith that he is not guilty of the assault and battery in the plt declaration set forth & that he prayed may be enquired by the Country — And the plt likewise

Whereupon was therefore given to the Sheriffe of St. Maries County that he cause to come here at the house &c. by whome &c. & who vpon their oath &c. to recognize &c. & the truth to speake &c. on Monday the said 25th day of March in the yeare aforesaid came the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors of the Jury aforesaid Richard Rhodes Henry Edwd Henry Evans Peter Sharp Robert Norman John Munger Edward Hall Edward Hall Junr Robert Sharp Nicholas Gresham John Hall Wood James Edd Robert Sharp Nicholas Gresham John Munger Edward Hall Edward Hall Junr Robert Sharp James Neale John Woodward who to say vpon their oath do say that the said Griffith Jones is not guilty of the assault and battery in the Declaration set forth & therefore (considered by the Court here) that the said plt take nothing by his said writt but be in mercy for his false clayme & that the said Griffith Jones recover against the said William Taylard the summe of Eleaven hundred & fifty pounds of Tobacco for his costs & charges in this behalfe layd out & expended & that he may have his execution &c. Whereupon the said William Taylard in the Court here in open Court acknowledged himself to be fully satisfied for the said Griffith Jones for the said William Taylard of the premisses & thereof acquitted the said Griffith Jones & his Sureties & all others & the said writt may be cancelled & cast to my returne for the same & thereof I the said Griffith Jones

Test Wm Coxe Clerk per Blakiston

Danes Dni 1684.